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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: <b>Heather Achilles et al.</b> Application No.: 09/314,566 Filed: May 19, 1999 For: <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISCARDING DATA PACKETS THROUGH THE USE OF DESCRIPTORS</b>	Examiner: Art Group: 2731
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231-9998

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified Patent Application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 7, line 18, please change "133" to -- 107 --.

On page 9, line 9, after "bits" please insert -- , -- and please change "read" to -- is read, --.

On page 11, line 16, after "levels" please insert -- , --.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 16.